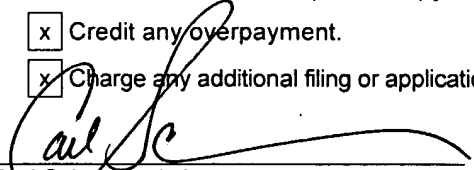




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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated June 1, 2006, the period for response being extended to December 1, 2006, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-3, 6 and 7 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 5 and 8-11 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1 and 7 are amended.

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's courtesies and helpful comments made during a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative on November 30, 2006. The points raised during the telephonic interview are incorporated into this Preliminary Amendment.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)